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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent No. 4,445,433 (Navi), dated May 1, 1984:

Navi discloses a method for varying the inking density in a printing press. The ink train includes an anilox roll (screen roller), a form roll in contact with the anilox roll, and a printing or further form roll. The ink transfer is controlled by varying the relative peripheral speeds of the anilox roll and the form roll in contact with the anilox roll within a range from 1:1 to 3:1. That is, a difference of the circumferential speeds of the two rollers is controlled to thereby control the inking density of the printing press. Navi does not disclose determining a characteristic curve concerning the relationships

between the speed difference, the printing machine speed, and the resulting inking density. Nor does Navi disclose or suggest storing such a characteristic curve in a control device.

Published European Patent Application EP 0 983 851 A2 (Jentzsch et al.), dated March 8, 2000:

EP '851 discloses a short applicator train for supplying ink, lacquer, or water in a printing machine. The anilox roll (5, 8, 10 - screen roller) rolls in contact with a transfer roller (7) that rotates at machine speed. The anilox roll is provided a speed-variable drive. The amount of medium to be transferred is varied by varying the speed of the anilox roll, i.e., by varying the speed difference v_{diff} between the peripheral speeds of the anilox roll and the transfer roller. The reference does not disclose determining a characteristic curve concerning the relationships between the speed difference, the printing machine speed, and the resulting inking density. Nor does EP '851 disclose or suggest storing such a characteristic curve in a control device.

Published European Patent Application EP 0 983 849 A2 (Jentzsch et al.), dated March 8, 2000;

EP '849 discloses a transfer train for supplying ink, lacquer, or water in a printing machine. A converter element (10) is provided between an anilox roll (1) and its drive wheel. The converter element (10) enables the tranfer rate of the medium from an anilox roll (1 - screen roller) to be varied. The reference does not disclose determining a characteristic curve concerning the relationships between the speed difference, the printing machine speed, and the resulting inking density. Nor does EP '849 disclose or suggest storing such a characteristic curve in a control device.

European Search Report, dated November 27, 2003.

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned above is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the applicant.

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